

Sports

Senior Duffy qualifies

With a third-place finish in the District V cross country meet Saturday in Ames, Iowa, Nebraska senior Wally Duffy qualified for the NCAA cross-country championships Nov. 21 in Bethlehem, Pa.

Duffy finished the 10,000-meter course in 31:20 as the Huskers placed fourth overall.

The women's team, led by Karlene Erickson and Jill Noel, also placed fourth behind Big Eight foes Iowa State, Kansas State and Missouri. Iowa State also won the men's title.

Neither Husker team qualified for the NCAA championships.

In addition to Duffy, Gerry O'Callaghan finished 21st, Kurt Russell 28th, Tom Hoffman 31st, Mark Gokke 34th and Dave Cudmore 39th.

Erickson and Noel finished with equal times of 18:07 for 13th and 24th place respectively, followed by Laura Wight, 20th; Carol Nunnally 46th, Sue Nelson 52nd and Carita Kordick 64th.

Women swimmers win close BYU meet

The Nebraska women's swim team now owns a 3-1 dual record after winning Friday night against Utah 92-48 and Saturday against Brigham Young 78-62.

Coach Ray Huppert said his swimmers competed well against a well-prepared BYU team in a close meet at Provo, Utah.

"Each race was a real good competitive race," Huppert said. "It was real nice to see our athletes be able to compete well in an extremely close meet like that."

The score was 71-62 before the last race.

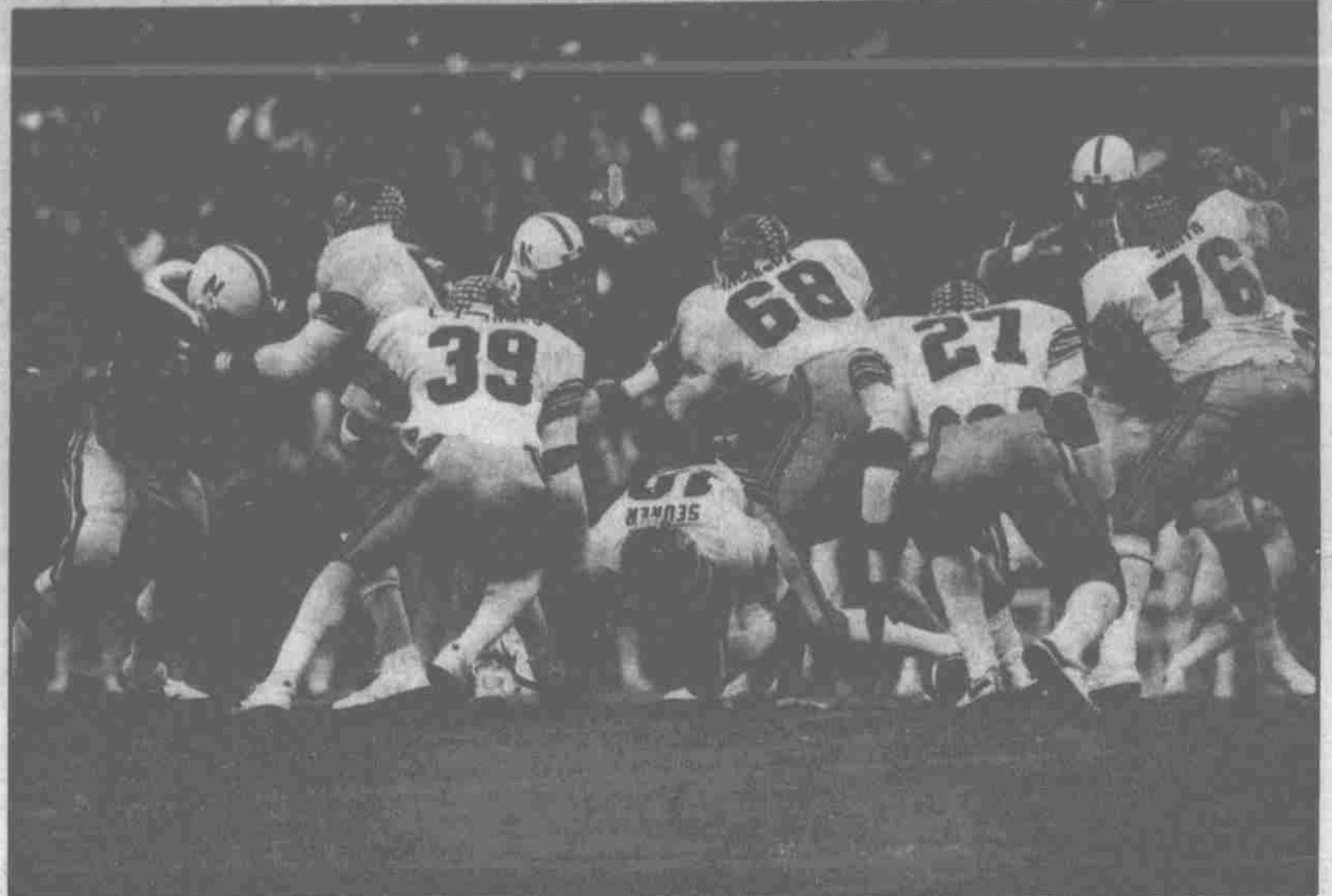
The winning Nebraska swimmers against BYU were Emily Ricketts, in the 1,000-freestyle (10:30.66); Dana Powers in the 50 freestyle (24.51); Kenya Kelley in the 200 butterfly (2:08.30) and the 200 backstroke (2:12.98); Susan Cashman in the 400 individual medley (4:43.45); Cathy Lundy, who won the 1-meter diving; the medley relay team of Sharill Prey, Julie Lammel, Kelley and Powers (4:07.89); and the 400-freestyle relay team of Michelle Kallman, Linda Sebesta, Ricketts and Powers (3:35.77).

Huppert said the vocal BYU crowd, the altitude and being on the road all worked against his team, "yet we rose to the occasion."

"We accepted the challenge," he said. "I was extremely pleased with that."

He said the competition from Utah in Salt Lake City Friday was not as tough, but he saw "how we could react to swimming as we got off an airplane trip."

Huppert said his swimmers had faster times earlier against Colorado State, than they had against BYU, but altitude accounted partly for that.



Staff photo by John Zox

Kansas quarterback Frank Seurer fumbles a first-half snap during Nebraska's 67-13 victory against the Jayhawks. Tailback Robert Mims (27) recovered the football.

Huskers (un)officially Miami-bound

By Jeff Browne

Nebraska made things easy for the Orange Bowl selection committee Saturday, as it defeated Kansas 67-13 and raised its record to 11-0 in all games and 6-0 in the Big Eight.

After the game, Orange Bowl official Harper Davidson affirmed what everyone had been suspecting, since Missouri defeated Oklahoma last week. Davidson made an official unofficial statement that the Orange Bowl had no choice but to take the top-ranked Cornhuskers to play in the Jan. 2 game.

"The Orange Bowl selection committee has voted to take the Big Eight representative at that time (8:00 p.m. EST, Nov. 19) with the best overall record," Davidson said. Nebraska can finish no worse than 11-1, while Oklahoma and Missouri each can do no better than eight wins and three losses. Nebraska plays Oklahoma Nov. 26 in Norman.

Nebraska jumped on Kansas early, and never let up as the Huskers recorded their 21st consecutive victory en route to their third straight Orange Bowl invitation.

"I think that we may have played our best overall game of the season," Coach Tom Osborne said. "We had a little trouble with our extra points, but that was about it."

But the Huskers didn't need any extra points as they held Kansas quarterback Frank Seurer in check by intercepting three first-half passes and taking a 41-0 halftime lead.

"Our defense played as well as they have in a while," Osborne said. "They really played well up front and didn't give them (the Jayhawks) too many first downs."

The defense's performance came as a relief to Osborne because he and the defensive coaches had been criticized the past few weeks because of the defense's generosity in allowing points.

"Maybe I won't get so much help coaching defense this next week," Osborne said. "Defensive coaches were coming out of the woodwork last week."

Nebraska's defense made some allowances for the Jayhawks' pass-happy Seurer, but both Osborne and safety Bret Clark said those adjustments weren't that important.

"We held up pretty well today with just our basic defense," Osborne said. "We were finally able to pick off a few passes."

Swimmers win Kansas Invitational

Nebraska men's swimming coach Cal Bentz said he is pleased with his team's progress after they won the Kansas Invitational in Lawrence, Kan. Saturday. The other Big Eight schools and Arkansas swam in the meet, which was the Huskers' first competition this season.

"We feel good about where we are right now," Bentz said. "This gave us a little better idea of what everybody in the conference has."

Nebraska won with 645 points, while Missouri finished a distant second with 433. Iowa State took third with 416.

For Nebraska, Eric Ognibene and Renaldo Castro finished first and second in 3-meter diving. Fresh-

The few changes the Husker defense did make weren't in formation or scheme, but in personnel. Nebraska substituted linebacker Tony Holloway and end Scott Strasburger for linemen to give the Huskers more speed with which cover the Jayhawk receivers.

"We played mostly zone defense," Clark said. "We didn't use the new defense more than four times the whole game. Everyone just played their responsibility a little better."

Clark said the Jayhawks didn't complete a pass when Nebraska had the extra linebacker in the game. Part of that, Clark said, was because of Seurer's own problems.

"He's got a terrific arm, but he was a little off today," Clark said.

While Nebraska's defense was holding Seurer down, the Huskers' record-setting offense continued to run wild.

Nebraska scored on five of its first six possessions, rolled up more than 400 first-half yards and established several NCAA individual and team records.

I-back Mike Rozier was the center of all the record-setting attention as he gained 285 yards on 31 carries and scored four touchdowns. The 285 yards was a Nebraska single-game rushing record, breaking the mark of 255 set by Richard Berns against Missouri in 1978.

Rozier also broke the NCAA record for touchdowns scored rushing in a season. He now has 28.

The Huskers' 67 points gave them 596 for the year, surpassing the old NCAA record of 560 set by Brigham Young in 1980.

Quarterback Turner Gill said he expects to hear more charges this week that Osborne ran up the score again, especially because of a 68-yard touchdown bomb at the end of the first half from Gill to I-back Jeff Smith.

"Coach Osborne asked me why I didn't throw the ball short (to a primary receiver)," Gill said. "I told him they were all covered. Then he said, 'What are you trying to do to me?'"

Kansas coach Mike Gottfried said he didn't need to be Nebraska's publicity director — he said Nebraska's players do a good enough job of that themselves. And he declined to call the Huskers a great team.

"You don't need my stamp on it," he said. "They beat us 67-7 (sic). It's about the worst (defeat) I can remember, but there's a lot of guys saying that this year."



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MICHELLE SMITH

Sophomore, Medina, Ohio

"One of Nebraska's top frontline reserves. Smith started several matches as a freshman."